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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

Lawrence Cronin, M.D.

Holder of License No. **18696**

For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine

In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-14-1469A

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION**

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

Lawrence Cronin, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction and consents to the entry of this Order by the Arizona Medical Board ("Board").

INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 18696 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-14-1469A after receiving a report that Respondent had been involved in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient.

4. According to the report, Respondent is alleged to have engaged in a sexual relationship with a female patient that was initiated during the patient-physician relationship.

5. The aforementioned information was presented to the investigative staff, the medical consultant and the lead Board member. All reviewed the information and concur that the interim consent agreement to restrict Respondent's practice is appropriate.

1 6. The investigation into MD14-1469A is pending and will return to the Board
2 promptly upon completion for review and action.

3 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

4 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
5 Respondent.

6 2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25) the Executive Director has authority to
7 enter into a consent agreement when there is evidence of danger to the public health and
8 safety.

9 3. Pursuant to A.A.C. R4-16-504, the Executive Director may enter into an
10 interim consent agreement when there is evidence that a restriction is needed to mitigate
11 imminent danger to the public's health and safety. Investigative staff, the Board's medical
12 consultant and the lead Board member have reviewed the case and concur that an interim
13 consent agreement is appropriate.

14 **INTERIM ORDER**

15 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

16 1. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine in the
17 State of Arizona as set forth in A.R.S. § 32-1401(22) until he applies to the Board and
18 receives permission to do so.

19 2. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action based upon any
20 violation of this Interim Consent Agreement, including, but not limited to, summarily
21 suspending Respondent's license.

22 3. Because this is an Interim Consent Agreement and not a final decision by
23 the Board regarding the pending investigation, it is subject to further consideration by the
24 Board. Once the investigation is complete, it will be promptly provided to the Board for its
25 review and appropriate action.

4. This Interim Consent Agreement shall be effective on the date signed by the Board's Executive Director.

RECITALS

Respondent understands and agrees that:

1. The Board, through its Executive Director, may adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25) and A.A.C. R4-16-504.

2. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Interim Consent Agreement and by doing so agrees to abide by all of its terms and conditions.

3. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to an administrative hearing on the matters set forth herein, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to the Interim Consent Agreement.

4. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of this matter or any matters that may be currently pending before the Board and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding this or any other pending or future investigations, actions, or proceedings. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or

1 officer of this State from instituting civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct
2 that is the subject of this Interim Consent Agreement. Respondent further does not
3 relinquish his rights to an administrative hearing, rehearing, review, reconsideration,
4 judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters
5 related to a final disposition of this matter, unless he affirmatively does so as part of the
6 final resolution of this matter.

7 5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Interim
8 Consent Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may
9 not revoke his acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement or make any modifications to
10 it. Any modification of this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually
11 approved by the parties in writing.

12 6. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement shall not
13 become effective unless and until it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.

14 7. Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board's Executive Director
15 does not adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, he will not assert in any future
16 proceedings that the Board's consideration of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes
17 bias, prejudice, prejudgment, or other similar defense.

18 8. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement is a public
19 record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it shall
20 be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

21 9. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not
22 alleviate his responsibility to comply with the applicable license-renewal statutes and rules.
23 If this Interim Consent Agreement remains in effect at the time Respondent's allopathic
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1 medical license comes up for renewal, he must renew his license if Respondent wishes to
2 retain his license. If Respondent elects not to renew his license as prescribed by statute
3 and rule, Respondent's license will not expire but rather, by operation of law (A.R.S. § 32-
4 3202), become suspended until the Board takes final action in this matter. Once the
5 Board takes final action, in order for Respondent to be licensed in the future, he must
6 submit a new application for licensure and meet all of the requirements set forth in the
7 statutes and rules at that time.

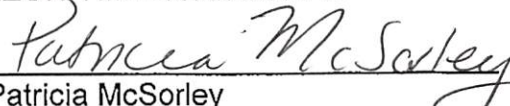
8 10. Respondent understands that any violation of this Interim Consent
9 Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct under A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a
10 formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the
11 board or its executive director under this chapter").
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Lawrence Cronin, M.D.

DATED: 12/22/14

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19 DATED this 22nd day of December, 2014.

20 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

21 By 
22 Patricia McSorley
23 Interim Acting Executive Director
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25 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing e-mailed
this 22nd day of December, 2014 to:

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Lawrence Cronin, M.D.
Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
this 22nd day of December, 2014 with:

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